

The British Carriage Dog Society IRISH CARRIAGE DOG TRIALS



SATURDAY 16TH APRIL 2011

Commencing 9.00am

**Kilkea Lodge Farm
Co. Kildare**

by kind permission of Marion and Godfrey Greene

Judges:

Road and Carriage Dogs – Tim Stafford

Veterinary – Dermot Sparrow MA Vet.MB Cert.PM MRCVS

Equine veterinary - John F Cushen MVB,MRCVS

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Carriage Test

Willingness to work	Judge's overall impression	Dog shows that it is happy working with the carriage during each exercise
Axle	Walk and/or Trot 100-200m	Dog must run under, behind or at side of the carriage
Axle with distraction	Trot 80 metres	Dog must stay with carriage as a distraction dog walks past
Stay	Halt 1/1.5/2 minutes	Dog may stay in a stand, sit, or down position
Speed	Extended trot/canter 100m	Dog must demonstrate turn of speed while running safely near the carriage

Road Test

Recall	Halt to walk	Dog must go to the horse promptly when called and walk forward with it
Hock	Trot 100-200 metres	Dog must work in a semi circle behind the horse's head and must not precede horse
Hock with distraction	Trot 80m	Dog must stay in hock position as a distraction dog walks past
Stay	Halt 1/1.5/2 minutes	Dog may stay in a stand, sit, or down position
Speed	Working trot/canter 100m	Dog need not be close but be under control and demonstrate a turn of speed

Distance Trials

Bronze: 10 km - 1 hr 20 mins	Dogs must pass each vet check Gold and Silver dogs are vetted half way as well as at the beginning and end
Silver: 20 km - 3 hours	
Gold: 40 km - 6 hours	

The purpose of Carriage Dog Trials is to demonstrate the use of Dalmatians in one of the roles they have been bred through the years to perform: that of a companion, decoration and guard for horses and carriages in past times.



It is both an endurance and obedience event. All dogs do a basic obedience test alongside their handler's horse or carriage. The aim of the obedience test is to replicate modern horse and carriage working environments, where the dog must be under the handler's control at all times. The endurance element scores each Dalmatian's stamina and capacity for work.

Important Information: The organisers of this event have taken reasonable precautions to protect people's health and safety. Please follow the instructions of the organisers and take precautions to prevent accidents. Neither the British Carriage Dog Society, nor any land owner, agent, employee or representative of these bodies, save for the death or injury caused by negligence of the organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, accepts any liability for any incidents, loss, damage or illness to horses, dogs, people or property. Please note, all non-competition dogs must be kept on leads at all times and must not enter the obedience field until the obedience competition is finished. Spectators should give way to competitors.

Cead Mile Failte again!

Welcome back to all of you for our second Irish Carriage Dog Trials!

Following the very positive feedback from last year's trials, the groundwork has been established for a very enjoyable and successful weekend and I sincerely hope you are all looking forward to it as much as I am.

As ever our event is made possible by the generous support of people like yourselves, many of whom have travelled long distances to be here. Thank you! Our main sponsors this year are Dodson and Horrell – manufacturers of dog and horse feeds. We are delighted to have with us again as our Veterinary Judge Mr. Dermot Sparrow, with his wife Julie, and Mr. John Cushen who is our equine veterinary.

I would like to acknowledge the kindness of Marion and Godfrey Greene in Castledermot for allowing us to have such an excellent venue for our event this year. They have been most enthusiastic, welcoming and accommodating.

Without the wonderful support of our volunteer drivers this event would not be possible, to Sarah and Emma who have so kindly loaned us Yanto and Popeye for their most important role, and to dear "Julie" who has come back to do her part in the obedience field, I want to say a very big "goraibh mile máit agaibh go leir"

Our treasured Dalmatians are the primary participants in this event and their excellent instinctive behaviour adds greatly to the overall enjoyment. May they have a weekend of fun to remember!

We acknowledge that these are difficult economic times for everyone but hope that our involvement and enthusiasm for the Carriage Dog Trials this weekend will bring all of us some much needed enjoyment and fun.

Looking forward to seeing you all on 16th April.

Maure Reade



● ● ● COMPETITORS ● ● ●

● ● ● CARRIAGE DOG CERTIFICATES ● ● ●

1. ALI RUMMEY, SUSSEX (UK) **SILVER**

Dalmatian: **DEMI** Minnie Diva CDB RDS B d.o.b. 02.09.06
Monsoon Mosaic x Rummey's Black Spot Domino RDS
Driver: Josephine Delahoyde
Horse: Joker Kerry Bog pony 10.2hh

● ● ● BRONZE CLASSES ● ● ●

Carriage Dog Bronze (Groom Handler)

2. ANDREA O'DONNELL, DERRY

Dalmatian: **RUBY** Mullabuoy Derrywood Ruby B d.o.b. 15.08.06
Ch Washakie Chief As Great As JW x Medala the Windrose
Driver: Marj Doyle
Horse: Beauty Irish cob 15.1hh

3. FIONA JOHNSTON, BANGOR

Dalmatian: **PAIGE** Polypeck Private Dancer of Clonheath B d.o.b. 10..04.06
Leaveslake Liberation x Polypeck Picture this
Driver: John Giles
Horse: Sally Skewbald 14.2hh

● ● ● SILVER CLASSES ● ● ●

Carriage Dog Silver (Groom Handler)

4. ALISON BURGESS, SUSSEX (UK)

Dalmatian: **TALLY** Koroyza Candy Dreams at Wheelgates CDB RDS B d.o.b. 23.04.08
Ch Sophtspot Sugar Daddy at Dvojica JW x Dalesbred Dominica via Koroyza
Driver: Dawn O'Donnell
Horse: Lady Trotter x Cob 15.2hh

5. ROBERT TAPSON, ARMAGH

Dalmatian: **CODOT** GB CH/IR CH Loudan's Folly CDB D d.o.b. 14.03.06
GBCH/IRCH Leaveslake Limerick of Clonheath x Little Miss Crocket
Driver: Maura Murphy
Horse: Frankie Welsh Sec D 15.1hh

The weekend's events ...

Saturday Trials commence 9am

Awards at approx 3.30pm

Sunday Fun Day starts 10am

Food and Social at 6.30pm

Soup and Rolls at 12.30pm

● ● ● COMPETITORS ● ● ●

● ● ● GOLD CLASSES ● ● ●

Carriage Dog Gold

6. MAURA READE, CARLOW

Dalmatian: **DOMINO** (Rescue) Chandhally C'est la Vie CDS D d.o.b. 2.11.07
Fr Ch Troilus de Puech Barrayre x Chandhally Snow Queen
Groom: Celia Gilbert
Horse: Widget Skewbald 14.1hh

Road Dog Gold

7. ANNE DICKENS, KENT (UK)

Dalmatian: **FENRIS** Loki the Snow King CDG RDS D d.o.b. 03.04.06
Ch Fincham Trade Wind JW x Washakie Iowa RDS CDS
Horse: Yanto Welsh Sec D 15.2hh (kindly loaned by Sarah Mullins)

● ● ● Primary Sponsor ● ● ● Dodson and Horrell

Best Conditioned Dog Award Wheelgates Trophy - Alison Burgess
Best Conditioned Horse Award Special rosette

Distraction Dog - Julie (Greyhound) owned by Linda Andrews

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Carriage and Road Dog Judge – Tim Stafford

I am honoured to be asked to judge at the second Irish Carriage Dog Trials. I am also delighted to be offered Popeye by Sarah Mullins who carried me to complete silver road dog last year with my Dalmatian Todd.

I have been involved with dog training since age 12 with the family Golden Retrievers. A general interest developed into competitive obedience and part time work in a German shepherd rescue kennel. I then joined The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association in 1985 and so started my professional career as a guide dog trainer and guide dog mobility instructor.

I now head up a team of trainers based in Southampton providing services to over 200 guide dog owners. I gained a degree in Applied Animal Behaviour only last year, I am a provisional member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors am now working towards certification as a clinical animal behaviourist.

So – why a Dalmatian, everyone asks! I had a typical view of the breed until spending two years working in New Zealand for their Guide Dog organisation where Dalmatians work as guides. My judgement of the breed was turned around when I saw them working as well as the typical Labrador. This means I do have high expectations of Dallies being able to follow instructions!

On return to the UK, I was looking for a dog that could keep up with my running and cycling. Having decided to go for a Dandie, I stumbled upon the British Carriage Dog Society's website and spectated the national trials. The next year we returned to qualify at silver carriage dog after practising with a bike! Since then Todd has qualified gold at carriage dog (he only runs with a carriage at trials) and silver road dog. We hope to complete gold road dog this year although I suspect this will be harder on me than the dog!

So – what will I look for as a judge? Encouraging handlers and happy dogs are a must for me. At the higher levels I believe that the dog should be able to concentrate on the task and not need so much attending to. They should demonstrate attentiveness to their handler and want to stay with the rider/carriage.

I look forward to a great weekend of fun and I look forward to meeting everyone.





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